



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5992

LCO No. 1398

Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
REP. ACKERT, 8th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE TREATMENT OF PERSONS WITH
PSYCHIATRIC DISABILITIES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That section 17a-542 of the general statutes be amended to allow
- 2 certain health care providers to obtain medical records for the
- 3 treatment of patients in facilities for persons with psychiatric
- 4 disabilities and to allow persons involved in formulating the patient's
- 5 discharge plan to communicate with the patient's family members
- 6 concerning the plan, subject to the provisions of the federal Health
- 7 Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

Statement of Purpose:

To enhance the care and treatment of persons with psychiatric disabilities.